



Press Release

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On: TEXAS WHEAT PRODUCTION
UP 19 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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AUSTIN . . . The 2004 Texas winter wheat crop is forecast at 114.7 million bushels, 19 percent higher than last year and 46 percent higher than 2002. This estimate is unchanged from the July forecast.

According to an August 1 survey conducted by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, statewide yield is expected to average 31.0 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels from last year and identical to the July forecast. Harvested acreage, at 3.7 million acres, is up 7 percent from 2003.

Production on the Northern High Plains is forecast at 46.0 million bushels, up 12 percent from last year. Winter wheat production on the Low Plains is forecast at 25.7 million bushels, up 13 percent from last year. Production in the Cross Timbers area is estimated at 7.7 million bushels, up 80 percent from last year. Production in the Blacklands is forecast at 20.9 million bushels, 19 percent higher than the 2003 crop.

United States winter wheat production for 2004 is forecast at 1.49 billion bushels, up 1 percent from last month but 13 percent below 2003. Yield is expected to average 42.8 bushels per acre, up 0.6 bushels from last month but 3.9 bushels lower than last year. Acreage to be harvested for grain is expected to total 34.8 million acres, down 5 percent from a year ago.

TEXAS WHEAT: ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, 2003 AND 2004 ¹

Districts	Planted acres		Harvested acres		Yield per acre		Production	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>1,000 acres</u>		<u>Bushels</u>		<u>1,000 bushels</u>	
1-N	2,527	2,400	1,344.0	1,550.0	30.7	29.7	41,199	46,000
1-S	500	480	163.0	150.0	26.8	29.3	4,375	4,400
2-N	679	630	422.0	330.0	26.1	28.2	10,997	9,300
2-S	1,136	1,000	585.0	630.0	20.2	26.0	11,795	16,400
3	556	590	182.0	270.0	23.4	28.5	4,266	7,700
4	689	690	463.5	470.0	37.9	44.5	17,578	20,900
7	333	310	185.0	200.0	18.1	33.0	3,345	6,600
8-N	80	90	53.5	70.0	30.0	31.4	1,604	2,200
Other districts ²	100	110	52.0	30.0	27.7	40.0	1,441	1,200
STATE	6,600	6,300	3,450.0	3,700.0	28.0	31.0	96,600	114,700

¹ Preliminary 2004. ² Districts with less than 50,000 acres planted are included in other districts.

